Department of Historic Resources Reconnaissance Level Survey

Accomack DHR Id#: 001-0027-0043

Resource Identification

WFF # F-001 - Reproduction and Office Building Property Name(s):

{Current}

Property Date: 1946

Address(s): Bliss Street {Current}

Avery Street {Current}

County/Independent City: Accomack Vicinity of: Chincoteague State, Zip:Virginia 23337

USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST

Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal

Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Componant Description:

Comp Type/Form **Material Treatment** Component Material

Chimneys Chimneys - Interior stove flue Aluminum

Foundation Foundation - Slab Porch Porch - None

Roof - Not visible Roof Roof - Gable, front Structural System Structural System - Masonry Brick Structural System - Stretcher Bond

Windows Windows - Sash, double-hung Tin Windows - 1/1

Site Description: Located in a level area to the northeast, near the center of F-2 (001-0027-0044).

WUZIT Count:

Historic? No. **Wuzit Types**

Historic Administration Bldg.

NR Resource Count:

Concrete

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Administration Bldg.

Accessed? No Est. Date of Construction: 1946 {Owner/written data} Not accessible

Primary Resource? Yes Number of Stories: 1.0 Architectural Style: Other Condition: Good Interior Plan Type: Irregular Threats to Resource: None Known

Description: This long, rectangular building is made of brick laid in stretcher bond and is set on a poured concrete slab foundation.

The building has a minimally pitched (almost flat) roof with metal eaves, which overhang on the northeast and southwest sides, and aluminum flashing; the roof materials are not visible. Two capped aluminum exhaust vents pierce the roof. All of the windows are replacement one-over-one double hung vinyl sash with concrete sills. A projecting entrance vestibule addition, covered with a flat roof, was placed onto the center of the northwest elevation. The brickwork shows evidence in many areas where windows and door openings have been moved, altered or filled-in.

All of the doors have been replaced.

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information

Foundation - Poured

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Historic Context(s):	Military/Defense			
Historic Time Period(s):	S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)			

Significance Statement:

This one-story masonry building, built in 1946, originally served as apartments for officers stationed at the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). The building was designated as "F-1" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was designated as the "M.O.Q. (4 Apts.)" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as the "F-1" in the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by U.S. Navy. The building is now an administration building and contains offices for personnel and printing/reproduction equipment. It is located at the corner of Avery and Bliss streets in a level area near the geographic center of the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) main base. Concrete sidewalks surround the building, with extensions to each doorway and the adjacent buildings.

This building is an example of a Military/Defense property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945 – present) period and was one of several buildings built on CNAAS following the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily research-based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. The building has been altered considerably on the interior since its original construction and now serves an administrative function.

The Reproduction and Office Building has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity, and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory.

The Reproduction and Office Building has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource's integrity of design, materials, and workmanship has been adversely affected by replacement of the building's doors and windows and the introduction of a modern addition to the northwest elevation. Although remaining in its historic location, the building's integrity of setting, feeling, and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004, the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the building's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Author: Giffels and Valet

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Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

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